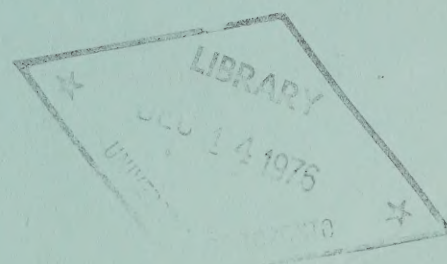


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OPEN MEETING WITH TRENT UNIVERSITY

APRIL 5, 1975

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MINUTES

5-0001

MEETING

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LOCATION

Trent University

DATE AND TIME

April 5, 1975
10:30 a.m.

5-0002

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INTRODUCTION

The hearing opened with the distribution of a news release, a copy of which is attached as Appendix "A" to these Minutes, which the delegation felt indicated the calibre of Trent University and its students.

In addition to matters dealt with in depth in the University's brief subsequent discussion focused on the following:

FORMULA REVISIONi) General/Honours Distinction

Trent's course offerings did not distinguish between students in general or honours programmes in terms of size, teaching methods or content. Students achieving a 'B' average in any year were, for grant purposes, considered in an honours programme.

It was pointed out that the average weight at Trent approximated the 1.24 weight applied across-the-board at the University of Toronto to all Arts and Science undergraduates.

ii) Supplementary Grants

In view of the criteria for supplementary support explored by OCUA in its Advisory Memorandum 74-II and Council's conclusions, the Trent delegation felt it had not presented its case for supplementary support thoroughly enough in the fall and wished further dialogue in the future.

iii) Trent's Proposal for Formula Revision

Elaborating on Trent's suggestions for formula revision, the delegation noted that the proposal implied that smaller universities be funded on a sliding scale in order to diminish current disparities in allocations. Concern was expressed that if current allocations were used as a base against which to apply flat percentage increases in the future, existing disparities would be aggravated.

The delegation recognized that Appendix I to its brief assumed

a common denominator for funding (ie. BIU value and student weight) which inherently suggested that universities produce similar products in their graduates. Simultaneously it was stressed that Trent's objectives were to provide a fundamentally different approach to education, in line with COPSE's position on the promotion of system diversity. In its further consideration of alternatives to the present formula, the Trent delegation assured Council that it would give attention to this conceptual conflict.

A discussion ensued concerning alternate methods of approaching both the public and the government which would satisfy the need for accountability and explain university fiscal requirements more effectively. It was suggested that enlarging and defining university objectives and costing the product of a university education would assist in this process. In Trent's particular situation it was felt that the financial cost of maintaining small group teaching and the cost to the quality of the educational experience through equipment deterioration might profitably be stressed. The delegation felt that special emphasis must be placed on the individual aspects and resultant needs of universities on an individual basis.

5-0005 TUITION FEES

The Chairman-Elect of the Board of Governors stressed that erosion of Board responsibility was of great concern and a source of ongoing debate. He noted that having received a categorical directive from the Government on the level of tuition fees the Board had felt compelled to comply.

The delegation noted that recent suggestions that system differentials could only be achieved through individually-established fee levels, was falsely constructed on the understanding that operating funds were allocated equitably.

The delegation stressed that fee increases without student aid increases would preclude accessibility to a number of students and create

an elitist situation which would be unacceptable to Trent. Small universities, it was pointed out, did not have extensive endowment funds from which to provide their own student aid.

5-0006 ADMISSIONS AND ACCESSIBILITY

Eighty percent of applicants to Trent were interviewed before admission. In three-quarters of cases interviews were conducted away from the Trent campus through the involvement of 30-40% of faculty. Last year it was reported that 427 admitted students came directly from Grade 13; 69 were mature students; 126 were "stop-outs" or from the CAAT stream; and 166 were classified as "other".

No concrete feedback had been received to indicate that Trent graduates were discriminated against when applying to professional and graduate schools elsewhere.

In a discussion of apparent discrepancies between forecast and actual enrolments, factors contributing to conservative estimations included unreliable demographic data, recruitment competition, and reduction of internal over-reaction to anticipated increases.

Placement tests suggested in the University's brief were intended to be applied after entrance to determine which offerings would enhance the individual student's capabilities.

A student representative in the Trent delegation emphasized the student position that tuition fees were a direct factor affecting accessibility. On the question of professional and graduate school discrimination he noted that admission to further training was largely dependent on undergraduate grades whereas at Trent the orientation was not toward high marks and professional/graduate school preparation, but rather toward the learning process. It was felt that student motivation, capability and individual evaluation through interviews should be given more emphasis in the process. Marks were considered the least appropriate criterion insofar as they merely assessed

progress toward university or departmental objectives which, given system diversity, were not strictly comparable.

5-0007 STUDENT SUPPORT

It was noted that because living costs varied across the Province, OSAP board and lodging provisions should be established on a regional basis. Currently at Trent the board and lodging provision of \$40 per week is inadequate for students in residences.

5-0008 RESEARCH FUNDING

The delegation reiterated points made in the brief concerning Trent's difficulty in obtaining research funds and stressed that the public, Government and others appeared to have the incorrect opinion that research is a private enterprise undertaken by individual members of faculty. In that research affected the quality of scholarship and teaching at a university, the delegation urged that a minimum level of research support be established which would be accommodated by Federal and/or Provincial subsidy.

5-0009 GRADUATE STUDIES

The "free market system" described in the Trent brief was elaborated upon, as was the diminishing appropriateness of ACAP.

In the open OGSP competition ten Trent students received scholarships which they took to other institutions. All Trent institutional OGS's were filled. It was noted that in addition all graduate students at Trent received some assistanceship funding from the University.

5-0010 MACRO-INDICATORS

In the discussion of macro-indicators the Trent delegation urged that consideration be given to the emphasis and steering effects which would grow out of the development of macro-indicators.

5-0011 STUDENT COUNSELLING

Members of Council suggested that women students and students

from minority groups did not always receive exposure, at an early enough stage, to certain disciplines where they have been traditionally under-represented. The Trent college system, it was felt, lent itself to this type of activity and the delegation responded favourably to consideration of such counselling in the future.

5-0012 FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

The global figures in Appendix 3 of the Trent brief had been approved in principle. Salary discussions had not yet been completed, but it was stressed that the global amounts indicated in the Appendix would remain constant.

5-0013 ATHLETICS FACILITY

The urgent requirement for a permanent athletics facility was noted. It was pointed out that the fabric of the present "bubble" had been deteriorating faster than had been expected. The University now felt that the cost of operating the proposed new facility, which in the past had aroused concern, could now be expected to be met.

5-0014 PART-TIME STUDENT CONCERNS

A representative of the part-time students at Trent addressed Council and stressed the lack of part-time student representation on OCUA and similar bodies such as the recently formed Committee on Financial Assistance to Students. In his response the Chairman explained that beginning in 1976 one third of Council membership would rotate annually and that the possibility existed that in the first rotation a part-time student could be appointed at the Minister's discretion.

5-0015 CONCLUDING REMARKS

In his concluding remarks the Chairman-Elect of the Board of Governors noted the following areas of concern facing the University's Board:

- Local support and community involvement
- Need for long term planning
- The Board's future role vis-à-vis the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.
- Antagonism between the universities and the Ministry
- The apparent lack of public support for, and political clout of, the universities generally
- Maintenance of Trent's calibre and character.

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Subject:

For release AMs of Friday,
April 4, 1975

PETERBOROUGH--Students from Trent University, one of the smallest of Canada's 70 universities, have been offered at least 23 major awards for post-graduate study.

Among these are eight of only 100 special M.A. fellowships offered nationally by the Canada Council.

Others are: a 1967 Science Scholarship, an award established by the National Research Council to mark Canada's centennial (a maximum of 50 are awarded each year), a Commonwealth Science Scholarship, six NRC science scholarships, and seven Ontario Graduate Fellowships.

"These represent truly impressive achievements by the students," said Trent's president, T.E.W. Nind. "It says a great deal about their capabilities and, I believe, reflects great credit on the university."

Ian Affleck, a fourth-year physics student from Ottawa, has three awards to choose from: the 1967 Science Scholarship, an NRC scholarship, and a Commonwealth Science Scholarship. He is as yet undecided. Trent students have won four 1967 Scholarships since the award was established.

The eight special M.A. awards were offered to: Irene Ip (economics), Bruce Rayfuse (economics), Bruce Whiteman (English literature), and Christl Verduyn (French), of Peterborough; Michael Kronick (history), Ottawa; William Waiser (history), Toronto; Theodore Schrecker (politics), Arva; and Eric Wheeler (mathematics), Port Credit. Three such awards went to Trent students in 1974.



Those offered NRC science scholarships are: Mr. Affleck; David W. Evans (chemistry) and Caroline Haythornthwaite (psychology), of Guelph; Jacob Lai (chemistry) of Peterborough and Hong Kong; John D. Middleton (biology), Scarborough; Andrew Milne (physics), R.R. 1 Cobourg. In 1974, two NRC awards were made to Trent students.

Graduate fellowships from the province of Ontario have been offered to: René Gadacz (anthropology), Montreal; Grant Earl Morrison (chemistry), Peterborough; Ralph Robinson (history), Cleveland Heights, Ohio; Carol Ann MacKinnon (anthropology), Ottawa; Douglas Rautenkranz (anthropology), Peterborough; Richard Nolan (anthropology), Ottawa; Steven Oberon (anthropology), Peterborough.

Values of the various awards are: 1967 Science Scholarship, \$7,000; special M.A. fellowship, \$5,000; Commonwealth Science Scholarship, \$4,000; NRC science scholarship, \$5,000; Ontario Graduate Fellowships, \$3,000.

